देश में मुख्य पशुधन

3251. श्री राघवजी: क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1981, 1991 अथवा अन्य कोई वर्ष, जब पशु गणना की गई, के दौरान पशु गणना के अनुसार देश में प्रमुख पशुओं की तुलनात्मक संख्या कितनी-कितनी है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि देश में पशुधन का निरंतर ह्रास हो रहा है यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या सरकार ने पशुओं की संख्या में हो रही कमी को रोकने के लिए कोई योजना बनाई है; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविंद नेताम): (क) वर्ष 1982 तथा 1987 के दौरान की पशु संगणना के अनुसार प्रमुख पशुओं (गोजातीय, भेड़-जातीय, बकरे तथा भारवाही पशु) की कुल संख्या क्रमश: 419.55 तथा 430.60 मिलियन थी।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) देश में पशु पालन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए, प्रजनन, चारे तथा पशु स्वास्थ्य की देख रेख के क्षेत्र में केन्द्र तथा केन्द्र प्रवर्तित अनेक योजनाएं क्रियान्वित की जा रही हैं।

Surplus Onions and Onion Seeds

3252. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made of the surplus onions and onion seeds available in the country for export;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken to lift ban on the export of different seeds; and

(d) the measures proposed to help the farmers in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) No specific assessment has been made about the surplus onion and onion seeds in the country. However during the first quarter of the current year, 1,36,688 Metric tons of onion has been exported. The Horticulture Research and Development Foundation, Nas: has reported about decline in onion seed production in 1993-94. Therefore there is no surplus of onion seed in the country.

(c) and (d) As per the Export Policy, the export of seeds is allowed without any restriction except in case of certain specified categories whose export is permitted under licence. The list of such categories is reviewed periodically, taking all relevant aspects into account.

Additional Drought Relief for Gujarat

3253. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Gujarat has made a request for Rs. 80 crore additional relief to meet the drought situation in the regions of Kuchh and Jam Nagar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been made by the Central Team in that regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) what is the amount of Central Assistance so far sanctioned and released for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Government of Gujarat had requested Government of India to generously support its efforts in managing the drought situation that existed in parts of Saurashtra and Kuchh during the current year;

(c) to (e) Agriculture Minister accompanied by Additional Secretary and Central Relief Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture visited the drought affected districts of Kuchh and Jam Nagar on 6th June, 1994 for an on the spot assessment of the situation. As a result of this visit Government of India had released the 2nd and 3rd instalments of Centres. Share of Calamity Relief Fund for the year 1994-95 amounting to Rs.31.875 crores in advance to enable the State Government undertake relief measures in the drought affected areas.